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CAPABLE OF JUDGING INEXPENSIVELY WHETHER INPUT IMAGE IS PROPER  
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**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.111**

Sir:

The Applicant has filed this Amendment pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.111 in reply to the outstanding Official Action dated January 23, 2007, and the Applicant believes the Amendment to be fully responsive to the Official Action for reasons set forth below.

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